

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain in the application and claims 1, 2, and 6 have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Suda et al.

As explained in the present specification, this invention provides a keyless vehicle controlling system in which a communication device communicates with a controlling apparatus on the vehicle. A detecting circuit is included in the communication device and detects a detection target object for personal identification. In the embodiment described in the present specification that detection target object is a fingerprint or a thumbprint. Then, a personal authentication processor performs a personal authentication process based on the detection target object detected by the detection means of the communication device and personal authentication information already stored in a registration storing memory.

Thus, it is seen that the present invention involves the personal authentication information being stored and checked against the detection target object detected by the detecting means of the communication device.

Suda et al. provides a remote keyless entry system in which a key fob has switches that can cause the key fob to communicate with the onboard controller. A data packet from

the key fob has, as shown in Fig. 3, an ID code that can set either a guest mode or a driver-specific mode.

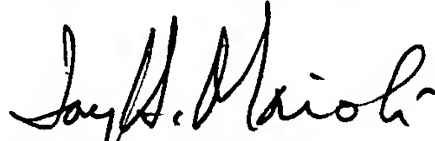
Nevertheless, Suda et al. is completely silent concerning storing the personal authentication information against which the detection target object detected by the detecting means is checked.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Suda et al. does not anticipate the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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